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Dr. Pendleton Was Told By Spaniards That They Had Submarine Mines Enough Under the Maine to

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Commander Sigsbee Declines to Make a Statement and Cautioned Surviving Men Against Doing So.

WHAF EYE WITNESSES SAY

of the Explosion and What Happened Inmediately Thereafter.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Havana, Feb. 16 .- Witnesses of the explosion that destroyed the "Maine" say that at the moment of the concussion a vast mass was seen to rise to a great height. In the sudden and blinding light, no one seems to have been able to discern the nature of the mass, or whether it rose from beside

the battleship or inside it. There are now reported 260 killed and 99 wounded.

Immediately after the explosion small boats were seen hurrying to the spot from all sides; they picked up 28 wounded men struggling in the water Of these, 6 were on the point of suc cumbing when pulled in. They were taken on board the "City of Washing-ton" and cared for.

Among these are:

GUSTAVE G. DRESSLER, permanently blinded. ANDREW E. ERICKSON, badly wounded.

- ANDERSON, severely wounded. ---- THOMPSON, badly wounded.

Not one of the wounded in the military hospital has died up to this hour. but the condition of several is precarious.

The "Mascotte" will today take to Key West some of the injured who are in a condition to be moved.

American vessels are expected at any moment to arrived here, for the purpose of rendering any assistance possible.

From the nature of the disaster and the testimony of the survivors, it appears that the line of the greatest force of explosion was a little forward of

more than 250 lives, and the wounding of many others of the gallant defend-the House expresses its sympathy for the injured, and offers its sincere condolence to the famlies of those who have lost their lives Expects to Get Rid of the De in the service of the nation."

Mr. Hale, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and the most pronounced pro-Spanish man in the Senate, said:

"There is no occasion for Congress o take this matter up. I feel confident the facts will show that it was an ac cident."

Mr. Morgan, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, states that the destruction of the 'Maine" shows the necessity of buildng more battleships immediately.

GEN. LEE TELEGRAPHS

That Profound Sorrow is Evident at Hi vana on All Sides.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 16 .- The following despatch was received from Consul General Lee, at Havana, at 9 o'clock tonight:

"Profound sorrow is expressed by the Government and municipal authorities, onsuls of foreign nations, and organized bodies of all sorts, and the citizens tion. generally.

"Flags are at half mast on the Gov ernor-General's palace, on shipping in suspended and the theatres are closed. "The dead number about 260. Officers' quarters being in the rear, and the seamen's forward, where the explosion took place, accounts for the greater proportionate loss of sailors. Funerals tomorrow at 3 p. m.

missing."

NEGATIVE METHOD OF DISAVOWAL

Lome Incident.

NO. 67

The Cabinet Will Not Compliment De Lome, and By the Omission of This Usual Reference in Official Acceptance of Res-Ignation. Spain Expects to Satisfy the United States and End the Incident.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, Feb. 16 .- The Madrid correspondent of the Times says:

"In the official acceptance of Senor Dupuy De Lome's resignation the usual complimentary phrase appreciative of his services will be omitted. In this manner Spain hopes to satisfy the United States and to end the ques-

A special from Madrid says the populace of that city is greatly enraged, owing to the belief that the Spanish the harbor and the city. Business is Cabinet has apologized to the United States. The populace, the despatch adds, are bitterly opposed to such a course, are exceedingly hostile to the Government, and may make a demonstration.

In conclusion, the despatch says: The people prefer war to an apology. "Officers Merritt and Jenkins are still thinking that Spain will suffer the least thereby, as war would be exceedingly disastrous to the large commerce of the United States. Madrid, Feb. 16.-El Heraldo de Madrid, the organ of Senor Jose Canalejas, announces that as a result of a private demand by Calderon Carlisle, counsellor of the Spanish Legation at Washington, acting as his (Canalejas') attorney, the State Department at Washington returned to him Senor sion in Madrid. At first it was feared Dupuy De Lome's intercepted letter El Heraldo also formally denies the as the details were received, these fears story published in a Havana newspaper were dissipated and transformed into that one of Senor Canalejas' own em-Senor Capdepon, Minister of the Interior, has approved the project of a "The Government has expressed to cable from the peninsula to Havana, Minister Woodford its regret for the which has already been sanctioned by The Government has declined offers made to sell Spanish men-of-war on the "The Spanish Admiral, in full dress ground that the terms are not accept-

Two Investigations Ordered to Be Made at Once-All the News Obtainable Anent the Disaster Up to 4 O'clock This Morning-Funeral of the Dead Seamen Occurs This Afternoon, While all Flags In the Harbor are Flying at Half-Mast.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. New York, Feb. 17, -4 a. m .- The New York World in its first edition of its Washington correspondent stating ing any of the men in the water. He to Secretary of the Navy Long, saying that he (Sigsbee), was positive the exquested Secretary Long not to make the statement public -that the news be Supply soud

dietar, just arrived here by the steamship handasses" from Key West, says that while in Havana he heard that's threads of violence to the bud the till a

he have enough submarein mines inder an around the 'Maine' to blow the state in hell whenever we went down. 1

The dealed is a conservative. He attannel 14 difference to the threats shill be learned of the catastrophe on harbor water. to sall and deduc

SUSPECTS CHROUMSTANCES. history, Pole 16.-The fact of the $M_{\rm max}$ substituting was percible to all the they reached the Margan laws tubst therefore have Dottion in the other

These todered helpless.

Many are burned to death, the fire

SIGSBEE'S HEROIC CONDUCT Capt. Sigsbee did not leave the ship till every man had been taken off. He remained in a boat in the nighborhood of caring for the wounded. this mething publishes a special from as long as any hope remained of sav-

that Capt. Sigshee had sent a despatch was thrown from his bed by the explosion and was slightly wounded in the head The first thing he did was to go on

pleston, which wrecked the battleship deck and order the flooding of a large "Maine," was not accidental but re- quantity of gun-cotton. The order was promptly carried out, and it is certain no damage was done by this explosive.

Washington, Feb. 16.-The following despatch was received this afternoon New York, Feld E. Dr. C. E. Pen- from Capt. Sigsbee, of the "Maine:" "I advise the sending of a wrecking

vessel at once. The "Maine" is submerged, except debris. Mostly work for divers now. "Jenkins and Merritt are still miss-

Mattell Findly a Spaniard heatedly ing. Those known to be saved, all officers, 24; uninjured crew, 18; wounded,

> now on board the Ward Line steamer, in city hospitals and the Mascotte Hotel, 59. So far as known, all the others

"The total lost or missing numbers 253. With several exceptions, no officer nor man has more than a part of a suit of clothes, and that is wet with

"Will send all wounded men to the hospital in Havana this afternoon. "The officers saved are uninjured. Damage was in the compartments of

the crew. Washington, Feb. 16 .- The "Maine the solution who will talk declare disaster was the sole topic of conversathat the barre which was torn in the tion in the hall of the House of Representatives prior to the opening of the session today.

In his prayer, Chaplain Couden reminded men were caught ferred briefly to the event. He said: "O, Thou who hast shaped and guided the destiny of our nation through all

the vicissitudes of the past and made it great, help us to emulate all that was interesting so but that the rescurers were truly noble and patriotic in our fore-

day, and to call on Gen. Lee and de mand from him the payment of the expenses of the funeral, and expenses

The military newspaper, "Diario del Ejercito," is published today in black borders.

Blanco will assist at the funeral. Only 18 bodies have been recovered. They are at the morgue. Some of them are badly mangled. Others are burned. The bodies which are supposed to be on board will hardly be found, on account of the utter destruction of the

battleship. A special judge has been appointed to investigate the cause of the disaster.

STATEMENT LIEUT .- COMMANDER WAINWRIGHT. Håvana, Feb. 17.-Lieut.-Commander

Wainwright was in his room when the

explosion occurred.

He speaks in the highest terms of the coolness with which Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers faced the terrible sit-

uation. No sooner had two or three of the officers apeared on deck, than the order

was given to lower'the boats. Four of them were immediately lowered, and three were filled with men, but the fourth boat was swamped before it

could be utilized. When the explosion occurred, Lieut. Blandin had charge of the deck.

It is said that the men who carried out the order to flood the gun cotton failed to return and the brave men undoubtedly lost their lives in the performance of their hazardous duty.

Several of the officers were down below together when the explosion occurred, and they thought at once that the ship was doomed. By the time they reached the deck they saw that the 'Maine'' was sinking.

A large number of the crew were in their quarters, and they were not able to get out but went down with the

amidships. It is there that the worst damage was done. The chief officers were either well 'aft or ashore. Thus they escaped

unhurt.

last.

The seamen and marines, by reason of their position, were forced to bear the brunt of the disaster. HOW JENKINS AND MERRITT DIED.

One of the junior officers should have been on duty on the forward deck, and it may have been thus that Lieut. Jenkins, who is missing, lost his life. It is also probable that Engineer Merritt, another missing man, was below on duty, and went down with the ship. Five of the crew immediately

after the explosion ran to the ammunition storage room, with the idea that they might save that from explosion. None of them have since been heard f, and it is almost certain that they

gent to the bottom while at their posts-doing their duty to the very

LATEST ESTIMATES OF THE DEAD

Includes Lieut. Jenkins and Engineer Merritt and 251 Sallors.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 16.-Midnight.-According to the official news, two officers of the "Maine" (Lieut. F. W. Jen-

Merritt) and 251 men are supposed to be dead. Fifty-nine of the enlisted men are wounded.

men are uninjured. This afternoon all the survivors, except 9 officers, 1 ma-

rine, 1 gunner's mate and 25 seriously wounded enlisted men were sent to Key West by the Steamer "Olivette." No details of the explosion are yet

given in any of Capt. Sigsbee's despatches.

He has asked for light-house tenders to render assistance in looking after the wreckage.

Three tenders have been sent, with accompanying surgeons. Secretary Long has sent Capt. Sigsbee a message of sympathy in behalf

of President McKinley. Secretary Long has also telegraphed Atlantic squadron, to appoint a board of officers to thoroughly investigate the catastrophe.

JENKINS AND MERRITT CER-TAINLY DEAD.

Washington, Feb. 16.-This telegram was received from Capt. Sigsbee late

SPAIN'S SYMPATHY.

The Government Officially Expresses Re gret for the Accident.

By Cable to The Morning Post. Madrid, Feb. 16 .-- The following semi official note was issued tonight: "The news of the disaster to the Maine

has produced a most painful impresthe catastrophe might be attributed to yesterday. some rash act of Spaniards. Afterwards, feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the ployes abstracted the letter. misfortune of the American battleship's officers and crew.

catastrophe, especially in view of the the Colonial Ministry. fact that it occurred in waters within Spain's jurisdiction.

uniform, has called upon Minister able. Woodford in behalf of the Minister of Marine and the cabinet.

"The Government has telegraph to the authorities in Cuba to do every- How It is proposed to "Ride Down" the thing possible to relieve the distress of the wounded, and give the "Maine's" By Cable to The Morning Post. officers and men everything they require.'

PAUNCEFOTE AND BLANCO JOIN kins and Assistant Engineer Darwin By Telegraph to The Morning Post. Washington, Feb. 16 .- The new Spanish Minister and all the attaches of his legation, Ambassador Pauncefote, and other foreign representatives, called at Twenty-four officers and 18 enlisted the State Department today to express regret.

> General Blanco cabled his sympathy saying the explosion was probably caused by the "Maine's" boiler. ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS SYMPA

> > THETIC.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

London, Feb. 17 .- The Morning news papers all publish sympathetic editorials, dwelling upon the appalling condition of the "Maine" disaster.

They think the horror of the circumstances executed those of the "Victoria" disaster in the Mediterranean. The consensus of opinion is that it is desirable to adopt Capt. Sigsbee's advice, and suspend judgment. The Capt. Sicard, commanding the North Times praises the good feeling and the calmness of the American people.

PADDY IS ALWAYS WITH US.

Irish Nationalists Adopt Resolutions in London Anent Maine Disaster.

By C ble to The Morning Post.

THE FARCE AT PARIS.

Mob if One Assembles.

Paris, Feb. 16.-More evidence was given by experts in the Zola trial today to prove that the bordereau was in Esterhazy's handwriting. Gen. Pellieux harangued the jury, arguing against the theory that Esterhazy had aught to do with the authorship of the famous document. He refused Laboris' demand for the production of the documents.

In the meantime, the Government continues its preparations to deal with the riots. Paris has been kept doubly garrisoned, the entire police force being kept on call. Small mountains of gravel are piled on the principal streets for use in case the cavalry charges, and it is gravely announced that the mob will be ridden down without mercy if it assembles.

A TRAGEDY NEAR SHELBY.

A Lovesick Swain Murders His Sweetheart and Then Kills Himself.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16 .- Ella Williams, an attractive 16-year-old girl, was walking along the country road near Shelby, N. C., today, accompanied by her brother, when Sid Griggs, the 17-year-old son of a neighbor, and schoolmate of Ella's, leaped out from

a fear than them.	fathers, remembering that righteous-	ship-which sank, bow first, about 2,000	tonight:		behind the shrubbery and shot her
Sigshee, after he got aboard of	ness exalteth a nation, while sin is a	feet from Fort Atares.	"All the men whose names have not	meeting of Irishmen, held here tonight,	through the heart.
		rece nom ron nutres.	been telegraphed as saved are thought	to celebrate the events of 1798, the fol-	
"'dy of Washing n," .cautioned	"That we maintain the dignity of our	has been very careful not to ac-	been telegraphed as saved are thought	lowing resolution was adopted:	He fired two more shots into her
licers to make na scatements to	past, make us zealous in every good	cuse any one of causing the explosion.		"The large, representative meeting of	body and then blew out his own brains.
Tess, though Lieut, Commanuer	work, and watchful, knowing that vigi-	All he will say is, that a careful in-	"Have given up Jenkins and Merritt	Irish Nationalists, assembled in St.	He was madly in love with the girl,
When told then. Lee that in his $\frac{1}{1}$	lance is the price of liberty	vostigation will be made and that will	as lost. Bodies are still floating ashore	James' Hall, London, has heard with	and when she refused to marry him he
I the dynamo on board known as	"Comfort, we pray Thee, in Thine	vestigation will be made, and that will	this afternoon."	the deepest grief of the disaster that	
hert sitcuit, crused the explosion	Controlt, we pray thee, in think	probably determine whether interior or		has befallen the United States warship	decided on the murder and suicide.
"All slop and sed the explosion	own way, the relatives and friends of	exterior causes produced disaster.	HOUSE ADOPTS A RESOLUTION	"Maine," and begs the President to	
F detachment of police wore cont	those who were killed and wounded in	STILL A MYSTERY.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	convey to the American nation its deep	RETRENCHMENT IN VIRGINIA.
Mater front at once. The chief	that terrible disaster to the warship	New York, Feb. 17 4 a. m The fol-	Expressing Regret and Offering Condolence	and sincere sympathy	
has one of the first to put off	Maine.	lowing was received from Havana at 3		"The sorrows of the Americans will	Gov. Tyler Has Little Faith in the Proposed
Mache " The "Main" was then	SPECIAL JUDGE APPOINTED TO		Washington, Feb. 16 Self repression	always appeal to Irish hearts."	Constitutional Convention.
and Main was then	INVESTIGATE.	a. m. this (Thursday) morning: "The	was the dominant characteristic of		By Telegraph to The Morning Post.
finn up to Captain Sigsbee		cause of the disaster still remains a	Congress today. The persistency with	DE LOME DEPARTS	Richmond, Va., Feb. 16Governor
- ving orders in a cool man-	phonso XII" placed a special guard all	mystery. The exact number of the kill-	which even the "Jingoes," of both		Tyler, sharing the belief that the Legis-
is seed him what had caused	night around the battleship to recover	ed is 251. There were 354 persons	The second		lature in the remaining limited time of
Cant Shat had caused	the bodies of the American sailors.	aboard."	that would add to the excitement, was	He Regrets the Maine "Accident" But Re-	the present session, will accomplish
Capt. Sigsbee replied:				fused to make a Statement.	nothing in the way of retrenchment,
is state my opinion, or te		THIS LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.	remarkable.	By Telegraph to The Morning Post.	sent a mesage to the General Assembly
1 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	'ffags at half-mast.		In the open session of the Senate no	New York, Feb. 16Ex-Minister /De	today suggesting the appointment of a
CARRIED TO FER	The Autonomist Cabinet held a spe-	The Texas and Nashville Ordered to Sallat	reference whatever was made to the	Lome sailed on the "Brittanic" at noon	non-partisan commission, of small size,
WEST.	cial council, presided over by Blanco,	Once.		today for Spain, via London.	to consider the whole question, ad in-
	wherein it was resolved that the Pres-	10.000	sole topic of talk in the cloak rooms,	He refused to discuss the "Maine"	terim, and report to the next session,
The United States	ident of the Cabinet, Galvez, and the	By Telegraph to The Morning Post.	on the floor and in the committee	incident, but his friend, Lieut. Sobral,	or to a special session.
Telt this afternoor	Secretary General, Congosto, should	Galveston, Texas, Feb. 16The bat-		when asked whether De Lome would	He says he fears that the vote for a
an all the survivors	s call on Gen. Lee to express condolences,	tleship "Texas" and the cruiser "Nash-	Just before the House adjourned it	make a statement ,waving his arms,	constitutional convention might not
Were in a condition	and to cable President McKinley their	ville" received orders tonight to sail	adopted the following resolution:	cried:	succeed, and that if it were called it
	deep regret.	from Galveston immediately. Their		"It is impossible! The Minister re-	might be controlled by an element that
seriously injured	THE FUNERAL TODAY.	destination is not learned. It is be-		grets the accident greatly."	would use it for other purposes than the
re left behind, be-	. The municipality of Havana has re-	lieved they go either to the fleet off	caused the destruction of the battle-		one intended.
a je le taken away.	solved to participate in the funerals to-	Dry Tortugas or direct to Havana.	ship "Maine," and the appalling loss of	[Continued on Page 5.] .	
					and the second se